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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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TAGS: OREP (MORGAN, THOMAS E.)

SUBJECT: CODEL MORGAN

REF: A. STATE 295455; B. STATE 293195

1. THE EMBASSY WELCOMES THE VISIT TO ATHENS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION LED BY CHAIRMAN MORGAN OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. RESERVATIONS, PER PARA 2 OF REF B, HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE HILTON HOTEL.

2. WE NOTE THE SUGGESTION IN REF A THAT, FOLLOWING ITS ARRIVAL, THE EMBASSY ARRANGE A BRIEFING AND LUNCHEON FOR THE CODEL. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DO THIS IF IT IS WHAT THE CODEL PREFERS. HOWEVER WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM WHICH WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF BRINGING MEMBERS OF THE CODEL INTO CONTACT INFORMALLY WITH LEADING GREEK OFFICIALS AND ESPECIALLY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

3. OUR ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION IS THAT UPON ARRIVAL THE CODEL PROCEED TO THE HILTON HOTEL. AT NOON WE WOULD SCHEDULE A BRIEFING AT THE EMBASSY BY THE AMBASSADOR AND KEY MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM. LUNCH AND THE AFTERNOON WOULD BE OPEN. FROM 7:30 TO 9:00PM (THESE TIMES CAN BE ADJUSTED BUT ARE BEST FOR GREEK DEPUTIES WHEN PARLIAMENT IS IN SESSION) THE AMBASSADOR WOULD HOLD A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE CODEL WITH GUESTS TO INCLUDE GREEK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, JOURNALISTS AND OTHER GREEK GUESTS.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE US OF THE CODEL'S REACTION TO THIS

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL.

5. THE MORNING OF JAN 14 WE WOULD ARRANGE CALLS ON GREEK OFFICIALS INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, THE PRIME MINISTER, AND THE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS.

6. AS THE DEPT IS AWARE (STATE 296591), IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CODEL WOLFF MAY ALSO BE HERE ON JAN 13-14. IF SO, WE WOULD PLAN TO INCLUDE CODEL WOLFF IN THE RECEPTION JAN 13. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT GOG WILL PREFER TO COMBINE THE TWO CODELS FOR THE CALLS ON JAN 14, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE WILL BE SEEKING APPOINTMENTS WITH THE SAME GREEK OFFICIALS IN BOTH CASES (ATHENS 9829).

7. POLITICAL COUNSELOR GEORGE M. BARBIS WILL BE THE CONTROL OFFICER.

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